

(c) whether it is not a fact that as an additional measure to supply drinking water to the said city, Government have started another water supply scheme known as Bennithora Project Scheme ;

(d) whether it is a fact that Chief Engineer had opined that the Bennithora scheme was technically unsound ;

(e) if so, whether Government could as an alternative measure make arrangement for supply of water from Bhima river or by extending the Upper Krishna Project Canal upto Gulbarga ?

SRI H. C. SRIKANTIAH (Minister for Municipal Administration).—

(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) Yes.

(d) No.

(e) Does not arise.

Cost of Sugarcane per tonne.

277. SRI V. S. KUGALGI (Arbhavi).—Will the Minister for Industries and Commerce be pleased to state :—

(a) the cost of sugarcane per tonne, taking into account the minimum wages to Agricultural labourers, Fertiliser price, water levy etc., in all the four revenue zones (zonewise) in the State ;

(b) the minimum sugarcane price per tonne fixed by Central Government ?

SRI AZEEZ SAIT (Minister for Industries and Commerce).—

(a) Cultivation cost differs from field to field. Average cost for the State as a whole works out to Rs. 118.85 per tonne.

(b) Rs. 8.5 per quintal linked to a recovery of 8.5 per cent or below with a premium of 10 paise for every 0.1 per cent increase in recovery above 8.5 per cent.

Election to Bangalore South and Bangalore North Taluks,

12-30 P. M.

SRI M. V. RAJASEKHARAN.—I had written a letter to you seeking permission to raise a matter under zero hour with regard to the election being delayed for Bangalore South and Bangalore North Taluks.